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15. (Amended) A method of producing a tableted gum comprising the steps of:
- providing a gum component;
  - processing the gum component to form one or more gum chips;
  - mixing the gum chips with a tableting media; and
  - processing the mixture of gum chips and tableting media to form the tableted gum,
- wherein the tableting media has an average particle size that is smaller in size than the average particle size of the gum chips.
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